

"AAI pulled up for mismanagement";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a four-members committee had been constituted by Government which had conducted a study pertaining to International Passenger Terminals of Delhi and Mumbai; and

(c) if so, when the said committee had submitted its report to Government, and what were the recommendations made in the report alongwith the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R.C. Jain was constituted by the Government to inquire into the accident that occurred at IGI Airport, New Delhi on 13th December, 1999. The Committee was also asked to make a study on the various aspects of airport functioning.

(c) The Committee has submitted its report on 14-7-2000 which is under consideration.

Strike by Ground Staff at Airports

1714. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative and ground staff in airports throughout the country threatened to go on hunger strike;

(b) if so, their charter of demands; and

(c) the action taken by the management of the Airports Authority of India to deal with the burning problems of the workers to avoid such threats?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Report of High Powered Committee on Hijacking of IA Plane

1715. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the high-power official committee set up by the

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Central Government in the wake of hijacking of an Indian Airlines aircraft last December has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with its major recommendations;

(c) whether the report is likely to be Tabled in Parliament; if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what follow-up action is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No such Committee was constituted.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Air Service between Chennai and Pondicherry

1716. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to link Pondicherry to Chennai again with flights; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for commencing the flight service?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines, which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

Financial Performance of AAI

1717. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even as Government are going ahead with its privatisation plan for international airports at the four Metros, the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) net profits are declining due to growing expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are Government views on this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.